However, Central assistance for improvement of slum area of Mumbai and providing civil amenities in those areas under JNNURM will be provided as per guidelines.

Mass Rapid Transit System in Mumbai

2103. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

SHRI R.S. GAVAI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has taken a decision to implement Mass Rapid Transit System aiong Andheri-Ghatkopar Corridor in Mumbai with public private participation with the estimated cost of Rs. 1500crores;

(b) whether the Government of Maharashtra has forwarded the proposal to the Union Government to provide 15 per cent of equity and 50 per cent of viability gap funding and extend all necessary concessions for customs and excise duty on lines of Delhi Metro;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if so, Government response thereto, by indicating the latest stage where the matter stand; and

(e) the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of Maharashtra proposes to construct Mass Rapid Transit System on the Versova-Andheri-Ghatkopar Corridor (15.0 km) on Build, Operate & Transfer (BOT) basis at an estimated cost of Rs. 1500 crore (April '03 prices).

(b) and (c) The Government of Maharashtra has undertaken a bidding process to identify a private promoter. No firm proposal of the extent of funds required has been received by the Central Government, as this would depend on the outcome of the bidding process;

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Implementation of VAMBAY Scheme in Maharashtra

2104. SHRI VED PRAKASH P. GOYAL:

SHRI R.S. GAVAI:

Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the VAMBAY scheme Central assistance of